

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes" per side	2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

**Members are advised that following one minutes, the House will recess until approximately 1:30 p.m. At that time, the House will reconvene and consider the Rule for H.R. 273. Following debate on the Rule, the House will take votes.

**Members are also advised that today, the House is only expected to complete consideration of the Rule for H.R. 273. Tomorrow, the House will complete general debate and vote on final passage H.R. 273.

H.Res. 66 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 273 – To eliminate the 2013 statutory pay adjustment for Federal employees (Rep. DeSantis – Oversight and Government Reform) (One Hour of Debate). The Rules committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The Rule allows one motion to recommit and waives all points of order against the legislation. The Rule also provides for Suspension Authority through Friday, February 15, which will allow the House to consider a resolution condemning North Korea for its nuclear test, under suspension of the Rules.

The Rules committee rejected a motion by Mr. McGovern to consider H.R. 273 under an open Rule. The Committee also rejected an amendment by Rep. Van Hollen that would replace the automatic discretionary spending cuts under the sequester scheduled to take effect on March 1, with a balanced approach. This is the second time in two weeks that the Republican Majority has not allowed the Democrats to offer a balanced plan to replace the automatic sequester cuts. Lastly, the Rules committee rejected a Democratic amendment that would that would sever the pay raise for Members of Congress from the remainder of federal employees, so that only Members of Congress would be affected by the underlying legislation. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

H.R. 273 – To eliminate the 2013 statutory pay adjustment for Federal employees (Rep. DeSantis – Oversight and Government Reform) (One Hour of Debate). This bill would freeze federal employees’ salaries for the third consecutive year. It also would also extend the Member pay freeze that was signed into law as part of the “fiscal cliff” legislation by 3 months, through the end of the calendar year.

Already, middle-class federal workers have contributed \$103 billion toward deficit reduction through pay freezes and changes to retirement benefits. House Republicans once again will ask federal employees to give up their hard-earned pay because Congress cannot reach a balanced solution to reduce our deficit.

Moreover, as of January 1, newly hired employees will take home 2.3% less in compensation compared to federal employees hired before the new year as a result of a change that was enacted to the federal pension system last winter. This change will yield an additional \$15 billion in deficit reduction over ten years.

House Republicans have held only 12 legislative days so far this year and have failed to address the looming sequester and other critical issues facing our nation. This bill is more of the same time-wasting, short-sighted, and counterproductive campaign against federal employees that we saw last Congress. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

Bill Text for H.R. 273:
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TOMORROW’S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Friday, February 15: The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of H.R. 273 – To eliminate the 2013 statutory pay adjustment for Federal employees (Rep. DeSantis – Oversight and Government Reform). The House is also expected to consider [H.Res. 65](#) - Condemning the Government



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of North Korea for its flagrant and repeated violations of multiple United Nations Security Council resolutions, for its repeated provocations that threaten international peace and stability, and for its February 12, 2013, test of a nuclear device (Rep. Royce – Foreign Affairs) – under suspension of the Rules.

The Daily Quote

Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY): “It is pretty clear to me that the sequester is going to go into effect... Read my lips: I am not interested in an eleventh-hour negotiation.”

- The Hill, 2/12/13